



## Welcome back to 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have had a lovely first term in Nursery and they have made lots of new friends. We are looking forward to helping your children to develop their skills and knowledge further, plus introduce them to lots of new experiences in the Spring term. May we take this chance to say a huge thank you to Mrs Granger who helped your children to settle in to their new life in school. Mrs Granger has chosen to take early retirement earlier than expected and we wish her well in her future endeavours and thank her for her many years of service to the school. Thank you for your patience during this time and join us in welcoming Miss Newton and her team of Mrs Smith and Ms Humphries, whom I'm sure you have all met by now and who have done an excellent job during this transition. Also, a big warm welcome to all of those children joining us for the first time this term.

### **Nursery Enquiries/Themes**

The Nursery team are looking forward to sharing an exciting term with your children. The themes planned are based around the children's interests and we will be exploring topics on Super Heroes, Traditional Tales, as well as Signs of Spring and New Life, plus other mini-themes as interests develop. We will also be learning more Nursery Rhymes and other songs too as they look at the 7 aspects of Super Sonic Phonic Friends.

### **Clothing**

The children look wonderful in their uniforms and most items of clothing are labelled, which prevents clothes going missing or getting mixed up. This term we will continue to have fun both indoors and outdoors, so please remember to send your child with a coat, hat, scarves and/or gloves depending on the weather. Welly Walks will be on a Thursday; whatever the weather except for high winds, ice or snow. Could you also teach your children to put on their coats independently and do up buttons, zips etc and put on their own shoes please.

### **Snack**

The children will have a social snack time each day where they will be offered fruit or vegetables. We are planning to give the children opportunities to cook in small groups during the term and the items they cook will be linked to the curriculum. We will avoid nuts and meat products to ensure that children with NUT Allergies are safe and Dietary requirements are met.

The children who are signed up to 'free' Cool Milk via the website, will have milk daily. However, all children are welcome to bring in their own bottle with fresh water inside only please. Please note - children should not have juice in bottles, however, flavoured water is fine.

### **Learning Journey Books and Interactive Learning Diary.**

Each child will have a Learning Journey Book which will provide you with a taste of what your child has been doing throughout the year and this will go home in July as part of their Report. This will include photos as well as samples of work.

In addition to this we will be using an Interactive Learning Diary to record observations, photos and videos of what the children have been learning across the year. Parents will be able to access this diary with a password online, for set times during the term and also have the opportunity to contribute to it with photos and videos from home too!

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring term in the Nursery. Please don't hesitate to contact either one of us if you have any concerns. Many thanks.

Miss Newton (Nursery Lead) and Mr Cowell (EYFS Phase leader)